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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-313015, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application.
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,884,540 to CHIKADA, which issued on April 26, 2005.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,858,344 to MARUKAWA et al, which issued on February 22, 2005.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to PCT/JP2005/000540. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No.2003-162987, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0180582 to MASUMOTO et al., which was published on September 25, 2003.
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-288744, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,455,186 to MOORES et al., which issued on September 24, 2002.
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-143678, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained by the International Examiner, are set forth in the International Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is

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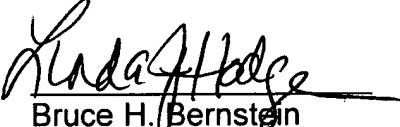
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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